### The term nine angles

The term nine angles refers to both transformations of the self, through the alchemical combinations of the unconscious, ego and self. Nine angles also refers to the 7 grades of the tree of wyrd plus the causal and acausal, these are the core beliefs of the ONA.

# Tree of wyrd

The tree of wyrd is the system through which one is guided via the ONA teachings. Each grade represents a stage of development and contains a new level of understanding. The first stage represents the confrontation of the Jungian shadow. The second stage represents transcendence of dualities such as politics and some ideas relating to morality. The third stage represents the development of the self through confrontation and understanding of the unconscious aspects of the anima and animus.

### Causal and acausal

The causal world is the physical world we reside in. It's the world of the senses and law of cause and effect. The acausal is the non-physical world and may be interpreted as either purely mental or subjective, or as being the spiritual world. The ONA accepts both interpretations.

#### Dark Gods

Dark Gods are interpreted in either theistic or atheistic ways, depending on the individual. The ONA accepts either. Theistically, the gods are entities residing in the acausal which may be contacted and worked with through meditation, ritual, chants, art and other ways. Atheistically, the gods are forms of unconscious archetypes that can be understood and thus lead to a deeper understanding of oneself.

# Origin of Baphomet

In the ONA, Baphomet is a goddess. This has no relation to the entity said to have been worshiped by the Knights Templar. The name translates to mother of dye, from the Greek  $\beta\alpha\phi\dot{\eta}$  and  $\mu\eta\tau\dot{\epsilon}\rho\alpha$ . Dye is an allusion to blood and the name is more esoterically translated as mistress of blood.